

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration and reexamination of the subject application, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 CFR 1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow are respectfully requested. By the present amendments the claims have been amended in a manner that renders moot all of the rejections and objection.

Claim 173 has been changed to identify the steps by (i) and (ii) rather than (1) and (2) as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection thereto is respectfully requested.

The objection to the hyperlink is moot as claim 61 is amended herein to delete the recited hyperlink. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully solicited.

The objection to the Information Disclosure Statement. A substitute Information Disclosure Statement will be provided shortly.

Claims 173-223 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph. It is anticipated that the present amendments will render moot all the objections with respect to the recitation of the sequence (contained in is changed to “is” as suggested by the Examiner), the claim 184 and 202 are amended to clarify that the polypeptide is” isolated or expressed by a cell” and claim 217 is deleted. Withdrawal of the 112 second paragraph rejection of the pending claims is respectfully requested. is noted.

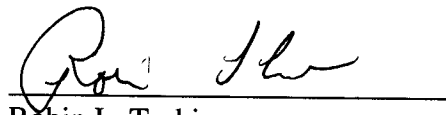
Claims 204, 210, 216 and 217 are rejected under 35 USC 112 first paragraph, based on alleged new matter. This rejection is obviated by the cancellation of claims 210, 216 and 217 and the deletion of "BHK" in claim 204. Based on the foregoing, withdrawal of the 112 first paragraph rejection is respectfully solicited.

It is anticipated that these remarks and amendments will place this case in condition for allowance. A Notice to the effect is respectfully solicited..

Applicants also believe that the appropriate fees have been authorized in connection with the entry of this Preliminary Amendment. However, in the event of variance, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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